BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-1203-E - ORDER NO. 95-1637

OCTOBER 30, 1995

IN RE: Request of South Carolina Electric and
Gas Company for a Waiver of R.103-330(c)
Which Requires Utilities to Provide
Annual Summaries of Available Rate
Schedules to the Residential and Small
Commercial Classes.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the October 16, 1995 request from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for a waiver of Regulation 103-330(c).

This Regulation requires that each utility provide notice to electric customers of all available electric rate schedules one time per year. In November and December of 1994, SCE&G complied with this requirement. The Company notes that it currently has an Application for an increase in rates before the Commission in Docket No. 95-1000-E. Among other things included in this Application is a request for modifications to the availability of certain electric rates. The Company believes that it would be inappropriate to provide notice to customers of rate schedules available late in 1995 which may change considerably when the Commission issues its Order in the Docket in early 1996. The

requirement for the Company for the calendar year 1995 only.

Regulation 103-301(3) states that: In any case where compliance with any of the rules and regulations introduces unusual difficulty, such rule or regulation may be waived by the Commission upon a finding by the Commission that such waiver is in the public interest.

It is the opinion of this Commission that the situation described by SCE&G constitutes the unusual difficulty described above. We believe that it should not be necessary for the Company to issue a list of the available electric rate schedules at a time when these schedules are being considered for change. We therefore believe that it is in the public interest to waive Regulation 103-330(c). The request for waiver is therefore granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Rudall Mitchell

ATTEST:

(SEAL)